

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 67-84 are pending, Claims 1-31 and 37-66 having been canceled.

In the outstanding Office Action Claims 16-19, 25-28, 37, 42-45, 53-57, 59-62, 64-66, 68, 74-77 and 82-84 were rejected as being anticipated by Stefik (U.S. Patent No. 5,715,403); Claims 1, 7-10, 45 and 50-52 were rejected as being anticipated as being rendered obvious over Stefik in view of Corbin (U.S. Patent No. 5,138,712). In Claims 2-6, 11-15, 20-24, 29-33, 38-41, 46-49, 58, 63, 69-73, 78-81 and 67 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the identification of allowable subject matter.

In view of the allowability of Claim 67, the features of Claim 67 have been incorporated into Claims 68-75 and 77-83, and therefore no new matter is added. Claim 67 was directed to a system that includes a first information providing apparatus, information processing apparatus and second information providing apparatus. Claim 68 is directed to the information providing apparatus of that system, Claim 74 is directed to a method corresponding to the system of Claim 67, Claim 75 is directed to a storage medium that corresponds with the method of Claim 74, Claim 77 is directed to an information processing apparatus that corresponds with the information processing apparatus of Claim 67, Claim 82 corresponds with the method, and Claim 83 corresponds to a computer program product associated with the information processing apparatus of Claim 77. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that each of the pending Claims 67-75 and 77-83, as amended, is patentably distinguishing over the prior art.

With regard to the canceled claims, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file one or more continuation-type applications to cover these now rejected claims.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the identification of allowable subject matter, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 67-75 and 77-83, as

amended, patentably defines over the asserted prior art. The present application is therefore believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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